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an agency or a branch of government through the withholding of a justified salary increase simply because we disagree with the person holding that position. The person holding the position will not be there forever. We do not want to cripple that particular agency or position to such an extent that anybody seeking that position would have to suffer an unreasonable financial sacrifice. So, whether it's appropriate, whether it's desirable or not to have the value of a position determined by the amount we pay the person holding it,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that happens to be the fact, that happens to be the reality. And when the coach of a football team can command a higher salary, with attendant benefits, than people holding very important positions in government, something has been skewed. Nobody would say pay a judge as much as you pay the coach of the Nebraska football team. I would. People would ask you, how much do you have to pay for a skybox or to watch a football game that Nebraska is playing? And when you give the amount, they would say, are you willing to pay that much to observe the Supreme Court in operation? Naturally, the answer would be no. We are the ones in a position to do the right thing, and I believe it is the right thing at this time to advance this bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Revenue will have an Executive Session in Room 2022 now. Revenue, in 2022, now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we proceed, Senator Byars announces the following guests are visiting the Legislature--100 eighth graders from the Beatrice Middle School and their teachers (introduced teachers). Please rise and be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. Chair recognizes, for discussion on LB 350, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. First of all, I'd like to ask Senator Brashear a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, would you yield to a